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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **SAKAI, Kenichiro**

Group Art Unit: 2623

Serial No.: 09/475,991

Examiner: Jon Carlton Chang

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FOR: **DOCUMENT IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, DOCUMENT IMAGE MERGING METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM RECORDING A DOCUMENT IMAGE MERGING PROGRAM**

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February 6, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 8, 2003**, extended to **February 8, 2004** by a
1 month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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